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SUBJ: INDEPENDENT MP'S CRITICIZE SADAT INITIATIVE

1. NOVEMBER 28 EDITION OF WEEKLY AHRAR (MOUTHPIECE OF MUSTAFA KAMAL MURAD'S RIGHT WING PARTY) CARRIES UNSIGNED STATEMENT ISSUED BY "INDEPENDENT FRONT" CRITICAL OF SADAT'S PEACE INITIATIVE. ACCORDING AHRAR, INDEPENDENT MP'S DO NOT DIFFER OVER DESIRE FOR PEACE BUT CONCLUDE ISSUE HAS BEEN HANDLED INCORRECTLY.

2. FIRST, INDEPENDENTS THINK PRIOR PARLIAMENTARY APPROVAL SHOULD HAVE OBTAINED FOR DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS, BOTH FOR DIPLOMATIC AND CONSTITUTIONAL REASONS. SECOND, EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO ISRAEL CONSIDERED GAIN FOR LATTER IN ABSENCE PRE-ARRANGED CONCESSIONARY GESTURES.

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3. MP'S WARNED GOVERNMENT AGAINST INVOLVEMENT IN UNILATERAL PEACE, WHICH "WOULD HAVE DESTRUCTIVE EFFECT ON EGYPT AND WHOLE ARAB NATION." CALLED FOR SAFE-GUARDING ARAB SOLIDARITY ("MORE ESSENTIAL DURING PEACE THAN WAR") AND AVOIDING DANGERS WHICH COULD DEVELOP FROM MILITARY RELAXATION. GROUP ALSO CAUTIONED GOVERNMENT AGAINST ECONOMIC DOMINATION

"AS SUBSTITUTE TO ISRAELI MILITARY OCCUPATION."

4. COMMENT. CURIOUS THAT ABOVE IS CARRIED IN AHRAR. MURAD TOTALLY ENDORSED VISIT AND, INDEED, WAS MEMBER OF SADAT'S OFFICIAL PARTY. PUBLICITY GIVEN INDEPENDENT'S VIEWS PROBABLY NOT UNRELATED TO RIGHT WING PARTY'S CALL FOR COALITION GOVERNMENT CONTAINED IN SAME ISSUE OF AHRAR. MURAD HOPES FOR FONMIN SLOT IN ANY SUCH GOVERNMENT.

5. INDEPENDENT MP'S ARE DISPARATE GROUP WITH NO PRESS OUTLET OF THEIR OWN. THEIR POLITICAL VIEWS RUN FULL GAMUT OF EGYPTIAN POLITICAL SPECTRUM. FROM CONTEXT OF STATEMENT, IT POSSIBLY DRAFTED PRIOR TO SADAT'S JERUSALEM VISIT AND MAY ENJOY LESS THAN UNIVERSAL SUPPORT AMONG APPROXIMATELY 30-40 MEMBERS OF LOOSELY ORGANIZED BLOC. WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO CHECK. EILTS

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